

# EMS COVID-19 Protocol V1.0 (Updated 04/06/2020)

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During a pandemic, all patients must be screened for the following. Screening shall occur from a safe distance of six (6) feet.

## Does the patient have s/s of Influenza Like Illness (ILI)?

Fever greater than 100.4°F or subjective temperature if thermometer is not available.

> Sore throat Wheezing Nasal congestion Cough Post-nasal drainage Headache Shortness of breath Fatigue s/s of gastrointestinal distress

**Follow standard ALS** & BLS EMS treatment protocols

YES

## DON PPE BEFORE INITIATING CLOSE CONTACT\* WITH THE PATIENT

- N-95 or surgical mask, gloves, gown, and eye protection.
- Limit close contact to as few providers as possible. Other personnel should remain six (6) feet
- Only providers wearing proper PPE should perform patient assessment and treatment.

\*Close contact means being within six (6) feet of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time.

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## Perform an Assessment

Age >65 Heart Rate > 110

Systolic BP < 100 mmHg Temperature > 100.4°F

Respirations > 22 Altered mental status

SpO2 < 95%

\* Refer to BLS reference materials for pediatric vital signs

NO

## **Obtain Patient Medical History**

Is the patient a diabetic?

Is the patient pregnant?

Does the patient have a cardiovascular or pulmonary

Is the patient immunocompromised (HIV, chemotherapy,

etc.)?

Does the patient have secondary or underlying medical conditions other than, or in addition to, ILI?

Ex. Chest pain concerning for cardiac etiology, CHF, etc.

Follow standard BLS & ALS EMS treatment protocols.

Consult with medical control for any difficult or unclear situations.

If indicated, transport patient in accordance with EMS agency treatment protocol and transport plan.

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This patient may meet criteria for non-transport and/or treatment in place. Contact Medical Control to discuss next steps. If no transport, provide the patient with the NDDoH COVID-19 Public Hotline Number 1-866-207-2880 and the NDDoH EMS COVID-19 Patient Information Handout.